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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MONTHLY US/GOE NARCOTICS MEETING

1. SUMMARY: AT MONTHLY US/GOE NARCOTICS MEETING, MARCH 4, 1975, GOE REPS CIRCULATED 9-POINT OUTLINE FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. DEADLINE FOR FLESHING OUT ACTUAL REGULATIONS MSET FOR MAY. DRAFT POLICE PRO AG WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH AGREEMENT THAT FINAL DRAFT WOULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE BY THE TIME OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING. GOE REPS ALSO RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO US SUGGESTION THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INVITING COLOMBIAN AND PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS TO QUITO FOR A DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

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2. MONTHLY US/GOE NARCOTICS MEETING HELD AT MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT EVENING MARCH 4TH. PARTICIPATING ON US SIDE WERE MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, USAID POLICE AND CUSTOMS NARCOTICS ADVISORS AND DEA SAIC. ON GOE SIDE, COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT, COL. VACA, PRESIDED. ALSO ATTENDING WERE POLICE NARCOTICS CHIEF, COL. NUNEZ, LT. MARTINEZ OF CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE AND, FOR FIRST TIME, LTC. PEREZ, CHIEF OF CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE.

3. FIRST AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSION OF DRAFT OUTLINE OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. AFTER GOING THROUGH 9-POINT OUTLINE, GROUP AGREED TO REFER THE MATTER TO A GOE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD SEEK TO COMPLETE A FULL SET OF REGULATIONS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

4. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR THEN SUGGESTED THAT GOE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO GETTING TOGETHER WITH COLOMBIAN AND PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS, BOTH IN POLICE AND IN CUSTOMS, TO DISCUSS MUTUAL NARCOTICS PROBLEMS SINCE SO MUCH OF THE PROBLEM HERE INVOLVES ELICIT TRAFFIC ACROSS ECUADOR'S LAND FRONTIERS. COL. VACA AND HIS COLLEAGUES RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THIS IDEA AND DECIDED TO DRAW UP AN AGENDA FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THIS KIND. VACA SAID THAT AGENDA WOULD BE DRAWN UP BY OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AND GOE WOULD THEN DECIDE HOW BEST TO PROCEED. CONSENSUS OF GOE REPS SEEMED TO BE THAT BEST FORM FOR SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE AN INFORMAL SEMINAR IN QUITO TO WHICH APPROPRIATE POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM COLOMBIA AND PERU WOULD BE INVITED.

5. THERE WAS THEN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE NEW POLICE PRO AG. IT WAS NOTED THAT DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR COMING YEAR HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND, SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW BY EACH SIDE, SHOULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE BY THE TIME OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING.

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